

Acquisition of Land for Setting up GGSOR at Bhatinda, Punjab

2433. **SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when exactly the land for setting up Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery at Bhatinda (Punjab) was acquired and the date on which decision was taken to pay compensation in lieu thereof;

(b) the amount of compensation paid per acre of land, and the dates from which payments actually started; and

(c) whether the land owners whose lands were acquired had lodged any protests while accepting the compensation amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Exact dates on which the land was acquired are as follows:—

Date on which possession taken	Land area acquired (Acres)
2.12.1997	1514.16
6.3.1998	408.05
17.3.1998	66.11
14.8.1998	4.26

On 28.8.1997 decision was taken by HPCL to pay compensation in lieu thereof.

(b) The amount of compensation paid per acre of land is as under:—

Type of land	Rate per Acre
Nehri	Rs. 3.5. lakh+solatimu @ 30%+additional market value @ 12% p.a.
Barani	Rs. 2.75 lakh+solatimu @ 30%+additional market value @ 12% p.a.
Gair Mumkin	Rs. 5.00 lakh+solatimu @ 30%+additional market value @ 12% p.a.

Dates when the payments for the land were made by HPCL to Land Acquisition Collector—Punjab Government are as follows:—

Date of Payment	Amount paid (in rupees)
29.11.1997	66,39,00,000
1.6.1999	16,18,38,190
10.8.1999	2,10,95,846

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Request of Rajasthan for Additional Gas

2434. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested his Ministry to direct the Oil India Ltd. to supply a minimum of 0.5 MMSCMD additional gas for a period of 15 years and to allocate HSD to meet the balance fuel requirement of Ramgarh Extension Project of RSEB;

(b) whether sanction of the project is held up for want of any response from GAIL and OIL; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Presently as per the existing requirement of power plants, 0.4 to 0.45 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas is being supplied to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board (RSEB). Additional 2 lakh standard cubic metre per day (SCMD) of natural gas from the fields of Oil India Limited has been allocated to RSEB for power projects. Recently, a decision has also been taken to permit the use of domestic high speed diesel (HSD) as fuel for power generation.